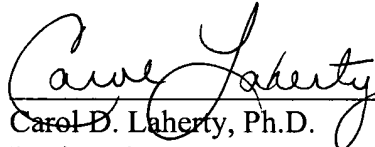


REMARKS

Without acquiescence to any of the outstanding bases of rejection, including those set forth in the Office Action dated January 6, 2006, Applicants are expressly abandoning the instant application in favor of a continuation application. A copy of the Express Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.138 filed concurrent with this response is provided herewith.

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